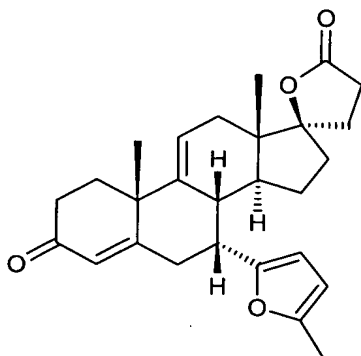


Please cancel claims 1 thru 12.

Claim 1 (canceled).
Claim 2 (canceled).
Claim 3 (canceled).
Claim 4 (canceled).
Claim 5 (canceled).
Claim 6 (canceled).
Claim 7 (canceled).
Claim 8 (canceled).
Claim 9 (canceled).
Claim 10 (canceled).
Claim 11 (canceled).
Claim 12 (canceled).

Please add new claims 13 thru 20.

Claim 13. (new): 17 β -Hydroxy-7 α -(5'-methyl-2'-furyl)-pregna-4,9(11)-dien-3-one-21-carboxylic acid, γ -lactone (II) a compound of the formula



in crystalline form having a powder X-ray diffraction spectrum with a peak at about 14.2 ± 0.2 degrees two theta.

Claim 14. (new): 17 β -Hydroxy-7 α -(5'-methyl-2'-furyl)-pregna-4,9(11)-dien-3-one-21-carboxylic acid, γ -lactone (II) according to claim 13 having an X-

ray powder diffraction pattern with peaks at about 10.6 ± 0.2 , about 14.2 ± 0.2 , and about 17.8 ± 0.2 degrees two theta.

Claim 15. (new): 17β -Hydroxy- 7α -(5'-methyl-2'-furyl)-pregna-4,9(11)-dien-3-one-21-carboxylic acid, γ -lactone (II) according to claim 14 having an X-ray powder diffraction pattern spectrum of

Two-Theta Angle ($^{\circ}$) with a range of

<u>From about</u>	<u>To about</u>
6.46	6.59
10.46	10.70
11.48	11.70
12.55	12.79
14.19	14.36
15.06	15.30
16.10	16.65
16.55	16.74
17.79	18.01
18.25	18.46
19.46	19.70
20.06	20.30
20.86	21.25
21.60	21.80
23.14	23.35
24.74	24.95
25.15	25.96
25.85	26.05
27.35	27.55
28.26	28.90
28.75	28.85
29.91	30.14

30.90	31.10
31.86	32.05
32.59	32.79
33.14	33.89
33.63	34.00
34.27	34.49
35.52	35.75
36.06	36.30
37.02	37.21
37.74	37.91
38.42	38.64
39.35	39.39

where

Two-Theta Angle is measured in degrees.

Claim 16. (new): 17 β -Hydroxy-7 α -(5'-methyl-2'-furyl)-pregna-4,9(11)-dien-3-one-21-carboxylic acid, γ -lactone (II) according to claim 14 having an average powder X-ray diffraction spectrum of about:

Two-Theta Angle (°) average

6.53
10.59
11.58
12.68
14.28
15.18
16.35
16.64
17.90
18.38
19.58

20.17
21.05
21.71
23.25
24.82
25.32
25.95
27.45
28.44
28.80
30.01
31.00
31.97
32.69
33.32
33.80
34.37
35.65
36.17
37.12
37.83
38.53
39.37

Claim 17. (new): 17 β -Hydroxy-7 α -(5'-methyl-2'-furyl)-pregna-4,9(11)-dien-3-one-21-carboxylic acid, γ -lactone (II) according to claim 14 having an X-ray powder diffraction pattern spectrum of:

Two-Theta Angle ($^{\circ}$) and Relative Intensity (%) with ranges of

<u>Two-Theta Angle ($^{\circ}$)</u>		<u>Relative Intensity (%)</u>	
<u>From about</u>	<u>To about</u>	<u>From about</u>	<u>To about</u>

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6.46	6.59	1.0	1.6
10.46	10.70	10.7	58.3
11.48	11.70	11.7	20.8
12.55	12.79	2.2	4.2
14.19	14.36	14.4	100.0
15.06	15.30	15.3	29.5
16.10	16.65	7.2	50.3
16.55	16.74	16.7	66.4
17.79	18.01	18.0	100.0
18.25	18.46	18.5	34.5
19.46	19.70	6.1	12.6
20.06	20.30	19.5	28.1
20.86	21.25	16.1	36.3
21.60	21.80	10.8	20.0
23.14	23.35	23.3	48.0
24.74	24.95	11.5	19.0
25.15	25.96	4.4	30.3
25.85	26.05	12.1	31.2
27.35	27.55	9.5	22.7
28.26	28.90	2.1	6.2
28.75	28.85	6.6	11.1
29.91	30.14	1.9	3.5
30.90	31.10	5.6	10.4
31.86	32.05	1.2	3.7
32.59	32.79	0.9	2.3
33.14	33.89	1.6	4.5
33.63	34.00	1.1	4.9
34.27	34.49	1.4	2.2
35.52	35.75	1.3	3.9
36.06	36.30	7.9	27.0

37.02	37.21	3.9	6.2
37.74	37.91	1.0	2.2
38.42	38.64	1.2	2.9
39.35	39.39	1.6	1.8

where

Two-Theta Angle is measured in degrees and

Relative Intensity is the intensity percentage of each peak relative to the strongest peak.

Claim 18. (new): 17 β -Hydroxy-7 α -(5'-methyl-2'-furyl)-pregna-4,9(11)-dien-3-one-21-carboxylic acid, γ -lactone (II) according to claim 14 having an average X-ray powder diffraction pattern spectrum of about and an average Relative Intensity of about:

<u>Two-Theta Angle (°) average</u>	<u>Relative Intensity (%) average</u>
6.53	1.3
10.59	40.9
11.58	15.9
12.68	2.9
14.28	98.2
15.18	26.1
16.35	18.7
16.64	40.3
17.90	62.9
18.38	27.7
19.58	9.4
20.17	23.8
21.05	25.1
21.71	15.6
23.25	36.4
24.82	13.5

25.32	8.4
25.95	23.1
27.45	17.0
28.44	3.8
28.80	8.5
30.01	2.5
31.00	7.9
31.97	2.5
32.69	1.7
33.32	3.4
33.80	2.7
34.37	1.7
35.65	2.5
36.1	15.3
37.12	4.8
37.83	1.6
38.53	2.3
39.37	1.7

Claim 19. (new): 17 β -Hydroxy-7 α -(5'-methyl-2'-furyl)-pregna-4,9(11)-dien-3-one-21-carboxylic acid, γ -lactone (II) according to claim 14 having an X-ray powder diffraction pattern spectrum of:

Two-Theta Angle ($^{\circ}$), d-spacing (\AA) and Relative Intensity (%) with ranges of

<u>Two-Theta Angle ($^{\circ}$)</u>		<u>d-spacing (\AA)</u>		<u>Relative Intensity (%)</u>	
<u>From about</u>	<u>To about</u>	<u>From about</u>	<u>To about</u>	<u>From about</u>	<u>To</u>
6.46	6.59	13.39	13.66	1.0	1.6
10.46	10.70	8.26	8.45	10.7	58.3

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11.48	11.70	7.56	7.70	11.7	20.8
12.55	12.79	6.92	7.05	2.2	4.2
14.19	14.36	6.16	6.24	14.4	100.0
15.06	15.30	5.79	5.88	15.3	29.5
16.10	16.65	5.32	5.50	7.2	50.3
16.55	16.74	5.29	5.35	16.7	66.4
17.79	18.01	4.92	4.98	18.0	100.0
18.25	18.46	4.80	4.86	18.5	34.5
19.46	19.70	4.50	4.56	6.1	12.6
20.06	20.30	4.37	4.42	19.5	28.1
20.86	21.25	4.18	4.26	16.1	36.3
21.60	21.80	4.07	4.11	10.8	20.0
23.14	23.35	3.81	3.84	23.3	48.0
24.74	24.95	3.57	3.60	11.5	19.0
25.15	25.96	3.43	3.54	4.4	30.3
25.85	26.05	3.42	3.44	12.1	31.2
27.35	27.55	3.24	3.26	9.5	22.7
28.26	28.90	3.09	3.16	2.1	6.2
28.75	28.85	3.09	3.10	6.6	11.1
29.91	30.14	2.96	2.98	1.9	3.5
30.90	31.10	2.87	2.89	5.6	10.4
31.86	32.05	2.79	2.81	1.2	3.7
32.59	32.79	2.73	2.75	0.9	2.3
33.14	33.89	2.64	2.70	1.6	4.5
33.63	34.00	2.63	2.66	1.1	4.9
34.27	34.49	2.60	2.61	1.4	2.2
35.52	35.75	2.51	2.53	1.3	3.9
36.06	36.30	2.47	2.49	7.9	27.0
37.02	37.21	2.41	2.43	3.9	6.2
37.74	37.91	2.37	2.38	1.0	2.2

38.42	38.64	2.33	2.34	1.2	2.9
39.35	39.39	2.29	2.29	1.6	1.8

where

Two-Theta Angle is measured in degrees,

d-Spacing is measured in angstroms, and

Relative Intensity is the intensity percentage of each peak relative to the strongest peak.

Claim 20. (new): 17 β -Hydroxy-7 α -(5'-methyl-2'-furyl)-pregna-4,9(11)-dien-3-one-21-carboxylic acid, γ -lactone (II) according to claim 14 having a average powder X-ray diffraction spectrum of about, an average d-Spacing of about and an average Relative Intensity of about:

<u>Two-Theta Angle</u>	<u>d-Spacing</u>	<u>Relative</u>
<u>Intensity</u>		
<u>(°) average</u>	<u>(Å) average</u>	<u>(%)</u>
<u>average</u>		
6.53	13.52	1.3
10.59	8.35	40.9
11.58	7.63	15.9
12.68	6.98	2.9
14.28	6.20	98.2
15.18	5.83	26.1
16.35	5.42	18.7
16.64	5.32	40.3
17.90	4.95	62.9
18.38	4.82	27.7
19.58	4.53	9.4
20.17	4.40	23.8
21.05	4.22	25.1
21.71	4.09	15.6

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23.25	3.82	36.4
24.82	3.58	13.5
25.32	3.51	8.4
25.95	3.43	23.1
27.45	3.25	17.0
28.44	3.14	3.8
28.80	3.10	8.5
30.01	2.98	2.5
31.00	2.88	7.9
31.97	2.80	2.5
32.69	2.74	1.7
33.32	2.69	3.4
33.80	2.65	2.7
34.37	2.61	1.7
35.65	2.52	2.5
36.1	2.48	15.3
37.12	2.42	4.8
37.83	2.38	1.6
38.53	2.33	2.3
39.37	2.29	1.7